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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Courtney D. Fields

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 January 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-12,14-22 and 29-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 29-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-2,4-12,14-22, and 32-34 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 3,13, and 23-28 have been cancelled.
2. Claims 32-34 have been added.
3. Claims 1-2,4-12,14-22, and 29-34 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-2,4-12,14-22, and 32-34 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 10 January 2005 concerning claims 29-31 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
2. In response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., packet that includes an encrypted identifier and an unencrypted remainder of the packet) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993). The combination of Williams and Ichikawa et al. does teach a distributed system where a packet with an encrypted portion sent from the base station (first device) to the wireless packet terminals (second device) can be authenticated by the second device after decrypting the encrypted portion. (See Column 7, lines 8-27,45-67, Column 8, lines 1-18). Applicant's claimed invention does not convey the distinction pointed out above.
3. Therefore, the rejection of claims 29-31 are maintained in view of the reasons below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 29-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Williams U.S. Patent No. 6,304,973 in view of Ichikawa et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,307,837.

Referring to claim 29, Williams teaches the means of providing cryptographic techniques as a method of authenticating the identity of each sender, before encrypting and decrypting each packet. However, Williams does not teach the means for a distributed firewall system comprising a system management module and a packet filter processor. Ichikawa et al. teaches the claimed limitation of having a first network device, a second network device, a packet filter for each network device, and a system administrator control module to manage packet filters in Column 7, lines 8-27, 45-67, Column 8, lines 1-18, 65-67, and Column 9, lines 1-64.

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to improve security of transmitting packets by only allowing those that have been registered beforehand to access certain data networks. Furthermore, one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this since, a need exists for a secure method and system that supports data packets in a public network which prevents unauthorized usage.

As per claim 30, Williams as modified teaches retrieving security from authentication header, retrieving a key with security, and determining if packet is authentic using a key. (See Ichikawa et al., Column 11, lines 59-67, Column 12, lines 1-60)

As per claim 31, Williams as modified teaches having an IPSEC authentication header. (See Williams, Column 9, lines 36-41)

Conclusion

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Courtney D. Fields whose telephone number is 571-272-3871. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thurs. 6:00 - 4:00 pm; off every Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Caldwell can be reached on 571-272-3868. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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